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RELIGIOUS BOOK SUPPLEMENT: No. 2

Lent is about midstream; Easter comes April 21st. An additional emphasis on the early Spring- late Winter religious books would not come amiss. Stress for study, for devotional reading, for Easter giving.

CATHOLIC BOOKS

Reported by Prof. Bernard J. Gilligan

Hatch, Alden & Walshe, Seamus — Hawthorn
CROWN OF GLORY: *The Life of Pope Pius XII* — $4.49

This volume, which includes photographs and line drawings, tells the story story of the life of Pope Pius XII. A condensed version has already appeared in several installments in recent issues of *Look Magazine*. One of the authors is an American Protestant and the other is an Irish Catholic living in Rome. This is a fairly complete biography, which refers to the ancestry of the present Pope and then goes on to tell the story of his birth, student days, early priesthood, diplomatic missions, activities and travels as Vatican Secretary of State under Pius XI, election to the papacy and his work as Pope in times of war and peace up to the present. Not a profound study of the Pope's character and personality, this book is nevertheless replete with external facts, dramatic episodes, personal incidents and historical background material that serve to highlight the holiness, intelligence, humanity and praiseworthy accomplishments of the present pontiff. The approach is semi-popular and panegyric throughout, the style journalistic, dramatic and sometimes a little too unctuous. On the whole, the book is interesting, informative and popularly appealing. (3/22. LC: 57-6362)

Gillis, Rev. James — Scribner
THIS MYSTERIOUS HUMAN NATURE — $3.50

Here are thirty-seven short, semi-popular, reflective essays on doctrinal and moral subjects by a well known Catholic writer, directed in a special way to modern men confused about such matters. Beginning with a number of essays dealing with the paradoxes of human nature and with the relevance of St. Augustine's *Confessions* to the problems of modern man, the book continues with essays on the existence of God, the acceptance of Christ and the recognition of the Roman Catholic Church as the Church of Christ, and concludes with a series of essays on moral matters of present-day practical import. The approach is more Augustinian than Thomistic. The author is more concerned with the psychological and moral factors that hinder or dispose toward the acceptance of religious and moral truth than with purely rational argumentation. All of the essays are perceptive, provocative and interesting. Among the moral topics discussed are those concerning the individual and the organization, patriotism, politics and religion, communism, loyalty, world unity, social justice, war, the mass mind, academic freedom and the challenge of Christianity. (Publ. LC: 57-5171)

Knox, Ronald — Sheed & Ward
BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE — $2.50

A collection of twenty-four extremely short talks given by Monsignor Knox on the separate occasions of various wedding ceremonies at which he has officiated.

The mere fact that the talks are by Monsignor Knox will be enough to make many readers anxious to read them. In the book as a whole, the author claims to "have rung the changes on a set of commonplace truths; obvious enough, and yet, because of our human frailty, not seldom obscured." Taking his points of departure from a phrase or some other feature of the Catholic wedding ceremony and relating them to relevant scriptural quotations, the author develops an appropriate theme in each talk, which makes for realization or teaches a lesson in connection with the true meaning and beauty of Christian love and marriage. In an informal, individualized and thoroughly human way, his words to the married couple are generally appreciative of the natural beauty inherent in human love, which is then shown in various ways to be more completely fulfilled and transfigured supernaturally through the sacrament of matrimony. The author is not fearful of being dubbed romantic as he implicitly reacts against attitudes about love and marriage that reflect a false sense of objectivity and a distorted type of supernaturalism. This is a book for young people about to marry, for newly married couples, for those already married and for the many readers who know that everything Monsignor publishes on any subject has to be worthwhile. (4/17. LC:57-6050)

Stolpe, Sven — Sheed & Ward

SOUND OF A DISTANT HORN — $3.95

This is a novel by a Swedish convert to Catholicism whose novels the publishers claim are a sensation in Europe. A reading of the present work inclines one to consider the claim credible. It is a profound religious and psychological novel about very modern, complex characters, including a brilliant French preacher who comes to the realization that he is actually without faith, a typical French agnostic doctor and an introspective, Scandinavian Catholic with cancer, who has almost given up the practice of his faith. The locale is Paris. Three other characters, truly spiritual and in genuine contact with reality psychologically, are sharply contrasted with the former three as they are made to enter into their lives to produce profound spiritual effects upon them. The style is simple and direct. In certain ways, the book is reminiscent of some of the works of the French Catholic novelist, Bernanos. It should have an appeal for the many readers who enjoy the latter's novels. (4/17. LC:57-7633)

Trouncer, Margaret — Sheed & Ward

THE RELUCTANT ABBESS — $3.75

A fascinating biography in slightly fictionalized form of Mere Angelique (Jacqueline Arnauld), the superior of Port-Royal, the abbey connected so closely with the Jansenist heresy in the Catholic Church in seventeenth-century France. The style is imaginatively creative, but the work is essentially a serious historical and psychological study. Through the avarice and deceit of her father, Jacqueline was made an abbess against her will at the age of eleven. She eventually undertook the task of reforming her abbey and soon became one of the most controversial religious figures of her time. The important and turbulent events of her life are interestingly set forth, the whole complex religious scene around her is vividly re-created, with its dissolute abbesses and resolute reformers, and imaginatively recounted are her conversations with members of her formidable family, many of whom followed her into religion, and with important religious figures of her day, including the Jansenist leader, Saint-Cyran, and the saintly founders, Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, and Jeanne de Chantal. The whole adds up to a penetrating study in religious psychology of a frustrated, sexually repressed, guilt-ridden, despairing, neurotic, self-willed, domineering, proud, but in many ways generous, non-contemplative woman, who ruled her cloistered nuns with an iron hand and attempted to lead them to perfection by excessive severity only to lead them finally into heresy and spiritual disaster. A scholarly bibliography and a detailed chronicle of events are appended. (3/27. LC:57-6047)

Reported by Dr. Roscoe T. Foust

APEX BOOKS Abingdon Press

"Apex" signifies "Abingdon Press Excellence" and represents this publisher's contribution to the paperbound, attractively colored religious books currently being issued by various publishers. Instead of presenting new material, Abingdon is reprinting inexpensive editions of their better selling titles already published. Their first list includes the following:

Sockman	The Higher Happiness	$1.00
Buttrick	Prayer	1.50
Weatherhead	When the Lamp Flickers	1.25
Goodspeed	How Came the Bible	1.00
Garrison	A Protestant Manifesto	1.25
Luccock	From the Minister's Workshop	1.25
Bright	The Kingdom of God	1.25
Grant	An Introduction to New Testament Thought	1.50

These books are already well and favorably known. Their availability in a more modest priced edition should make many more friends for them. Another list will appear in the Fall. (3/25)

Douty, Mary Alice Abingdon Press
HOW TO WORK WITH CHURCH GROUPS $2.50

* All Protestant Church School teachers, superintendents, ministers and directors of religious education are sure to derive much practical help from this excellent book, and most of them are aware of the fact that they need it. Dr. Mary Alice Douty, the author, executive secretary of the Baltimore Conference Board of Education of the Methodist Church has drawn upon her extensive experience in this field to interpret the new democratic group leadership approach for all those who wish to work more effectively with the groups committed to their charge. This book will show them how to guide the thinking processes of the group members, and how to plan, carry out and evaluate activities of all kinds of groups at all age levels. No church school library should be without a copy. (Publ. LC: 57-5076)

Heltzel, Massey Mott Abingdon Press
THE INVINCIBLE CHRIST $2.00

D.R. Dr. Heltzel, minister of Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia, insists that "the minister's one theme is Christ, that he must be central in all our preaching and teaching, that his eternal significance in human history and his redemptive work in the plan of God must never be absent from our message." This book is largely the spelling out of that conviction. In it the author portrays Christ as still the answer to man's questions and the meter of every need. So he writes of "The Fascinating Christ", "The Down-bringing Christ", "The Seeking, Loving Christ", "The All-sufficient Christ", "The Serving Christ", "The Risen Christ" and "The Undefeated Christ", and the reader sees Christ as the same understanding, compassionate being he was 2000 years ago. The book will make excellent devotional reading for Lent. It is well written and amply illustrated. (Publ. LC: 57-5278)

Knox, John Abingdon Press
THE INTEGRITY OF PREACHING $1.75

John Knox, Professor of Sacred Literature at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, is himself an eminent preacher as well as teacher of preachers. In this small book, written for those who are called to preach, is to be found distilled wisdom of a high order. It is Biblical preaching that is needed, he writes, rooted and grounded in a sure knowledge of the Bible and the historic meaning of the text,

but the preacher must go on to treat the Biblical events as events in our own history. Christ must be central to preaching, as He is central to the Bible, but the Event is in a real sense constantly recurring, and the modern hearer should be hearing the texts as if spoken directly to him. Dr. Knox sees the preacher also as teacher, but one who conveys the meaning of his sermon more by what he is than by what he says, though his words must be spoken with care, after the preparation of loving labor. Preaching is also worship, and a sacrament, demanding the best a man can give to this high calling. Every Protestant minister will read this to his great profit, if he is concerned to keep his preaching alive and relevant to our times. Close tie-up with preceding book -- Heltzel, *The Invincible Christ.* (Publ. LC:57-5279)

Kohler, Ludwig — Abingdon Press

HEBREW MAN — $2.50

The reader of the Old and New Testaments is likely to get a very confused picture of the Hebrew man about whom he is reading. He gets a scattered knowledge of his physical and spiritual life largely by deduction and inference. Professor Ludwig Kohler, retired professor of Old Testament of the University of Zurich, Switzerland, has written this readable and interesting book which helps the reader to understand more fully the message of the Old Testament, particularly, by answering such questions as: How did Hebrew man live? What did he look like? How did he think and reason? Did physical beauty mean anything to him? Did he ever feel depressed? How did he look upon the experience of death? Why did the Hebrews feel insecure in the world? The author has condensed an amazing amount of information in these pages, and all Bible students who are led to read this book will be grateful to him for bringing into focus a picture of our spiritual ancestors by which we can the better appreciate our own spiritual heritage. Peter Ackroyd, the translator, is lecturer in Divinity at Cambridge University in England, where this book has already been published. (Publ. LC:57-5077)

Marney, Carlyle — Abingdon Press

FAITH IN CONFLICT — $2.50

This is not an easy book to read; one wishes to stop very often and ponder what has been said with a poetic economy of words, or even to ask the meaning of what the author has written, enriched as it so often is with quotations from poets and philosophers who have wrestled with the same subject, so that the argument is clouded with imagery. But persistent meditation will reward the reader with insight and assurances as he deals in his own way with the enemies of mankind. Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, is presenting in this book a Christian's reply to the doubts thrown up by modern science, to the worries of color and culture, to the problem of the meaning of life and death. His hope is that he may arm his readers with sharper weapons to deal with the Dragon of Doubt, the Falcon of Culture, the Serpent of Evil and the Vulture of Death. He has undertaken an heroic task, and the earnest reader may well conclude that he has succeeded. He will find his mind stimulated, and his spirit reinforced. (Publ. LC: 57-6119)

Smethurst, Arthur F. — Abingdon Press

MODERN SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN BELIEFS — $4.00

Neither scientists alone nor theologians alone are responsible for the gap of misunderstanding and mistrust that exists between them. The Church is suspicious of modern technology, and certain of its spokesmen have contended that the knowledge of God cannot be found through the use of reason and patient scientific investigation. On the other hand, scientists have been hostile to religion, lacking an understanding of the nature of the Christian faith. Canon Smethurst, an Anglican clergyman who has been trained both in science and theology, attempts to show in this highly readable book that, so far from there being ground for any distrust and hostility on the part of true Christianity towards science, there is so close a connection between them that there ought to be mutual trust, understanding and cooperation between scientists and Christian theologians. But he has written the book also to face and discuss frankly the very real problems and difficulties which arise for Christian faiths in various fields of science, biological as well as physical or astronomical, and, for scientists, in some aspects of Christian teaching. Four

appendices discuss modern philosophies arising from science. Scientists, theologians, teachers and students alike should welcome this book as a highly acceptable contribution to this vital field of human thought and living. It does not sacrifice scholarship for clarity, yet it can be understood by those who make no claim to be scholars. (Publ.)

Smith, Roy L. Abingdon Press
DON'T KID YOURSELF $2.00

American slang has a pungent and direct way of getting to the heart of the matter, and Dr. Roy Smith, well-known from former books (*New Light from Old Lamps*, and *Making a Go of Life*) explores some of our most common slang expressions, deriving from them important lessons in Christian living. Among them are the familiar "Who do you think you are?" "Make mine the same"-"Where's the fire?""What's the big idea?" "Where do you think you're going?" "Do you think you own the earth?" and "Don't kid yourself". Dr. Smith deals with the issues and problems those questions raise with accustomed spirit and color. The book will appeal to the many who feel that in greater or less degree the import of these slang phrases has a direct bearing on their own thinking and living. And who doesn't? (Publ. LC: 57-5280)

Tilson, Everett Abingdon Press
$2.00
SHOULD CHRISTIANS DRINK? Paper; $1.00

There is no problem which needs more serious consideration by Christians today than the one raised by Dr. Everett Tilson, Professor of Biblical Theology at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee, in this book. His intention is to provide an objective inquiry into the matter, beginning with the Biblical treatment of the subject in the Old and New Testaments. Then follows a historical survey of the attitude of the churches on the subject of drinking, showing the change from the moderation of Jesus' day to the total abstinence advocated by John Wesley. Finally Dr. Tilson discusses the nature and destiny of man, and points out their bearing on the Christian's answer to this question, and then he sets forth the ethical principles by which the temperance course can be justified. This book makes a positive contribution to a much disputed subject; it will be of value to many others than members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Those who work with alcoholics will find good reinforcement here. (Publ. LC: 57-6122)

Titus, Eric L. Abingdon Press
THE MESSAGE OF THE FOURTH GOSPEL $3.50

The Gospel according to St. John has always been one of the most controversial as well as one of the most important books of the New Testament. Dr. Titus, professor of New Testament Literature at the University of Southern California School of Religion makes an outstanding contribution to the understanding of this Gospel in *The Message of the Fourth Gospel*. This is not a verse by verse commentary, but one which deals with natural units of the scripture as they embrace the same thought. The emphasis of this book is on the spirit rather than the Logos, and it is the spirit which is found to bind together all the elements of the Gospel into a meaningful unity. Dr. Titus has dealt with his subject in a way which will commend him to other New Testament scholars, but ministers, teachers and mature students will also find this commentary a great help in understanding this Gospel which contains many of the most beautiful and meaningful passages of the Bible. (Publ. LC:57-5282)

Cox, Harvey; Association Press
Blakesley, Elizabeth- *Eds.* Ea. $.40; 10-$3.50;
BEHOLD THE MAN: *The Meaning of the Cross* 100- $30.00

The student Christian group at Oberlin College have produced a book that has merit which bears no relation to its size. It is a devotional manual which skilfully and maturely attempts to express verbally in poems and readings that the great modern painter, Rouault, says in paint. The meaning of the Cross is the objective. There are ten prints from the famous Miserere series of George Rouault. "Rouault's

paintings", says the introduction, "take a straight, hard, even angry look into man's inhumanity to man...In his paintings of Christ, his anger is lifted and redeemed... a dimension of hope and reconciliation creeps into his righteous anger". The selections from contemporary thinkers which are chosen to interpret the paintings are taken from Maxwell Anderson, T.S. Eliot, Paul Tillich, Miguel de Unamuno, and Alan Paton. The readings are also coordinated with Biblical passages. Together, they trace the movement of the Passion story through tragedy and estrangement to the healing and wholeness of God's forgiving deed in Jesus, the Christ. A little book that speaks to the condition and need of modern man with understanding and love. (Publ.)

Doniger, Simon- *Ed.* Association Press
HEALING: *Human and Divine* $3.50

A composite book by fourteen eminent doctors, psychologists, psychiatrists and theologians, including such well-known names as Earl Loomis, John A. P. Millet, Carl Rogers, Paul Johnson, George Albert Coe, Paul Tillich, Cyril C. Richardson and Wayne E. Oates. Such as these contribute their views on the increasing mutual dependency of religion and psychiatry, the effects of prayer on the total person, and the facts and promise of spiritual healing. The book tells about how science, faith and prayer can work together to heal men's minds and bodies. It speaks directly to and for the growing body of clergymen, scientists and laymen who recognize the unity of body, mind and spirit in healing. It is an important book in this expanding field; one which many a professional and layman will wish to make their own.(5/24. LC:57-6889)

Hutchinson, Paul Association Press
THE NEW ORDEAL OF CHRISTIANITY $2.50

This is the latest and last book written by Dr. Hutchinson, for many years editor of the *Christian Century*. In it, he analyzes Christianity as it is lived and practised in all its branches throughout the world, and assesses its influence for good or ill, on our contemporary civilization. "How is Christianity discharging this responsibility for the character of our civilization?" he asks. "How are the churches measuring up to their task as guides in this time of man's great need? To what extent are they revealing to befuddled and growingly desperate men the nature of the crises? To what extent are they modifying or directing its outworking? In other words, how is Christianity facing this new ordeal? Or to what extent are the churches being swept along like chips on history's flood?" No part of Christianity, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, or Protestant, escapes his penetrating criticism. But Dr. Hutchison finds grounds for hope for a more effective Christian witness. "We have a Gospel which is the Word of Life. We have a Lord and Master who is the answer to men's needs. We have a fighting chance. What more can we ask?" Dr. Hutchinson's recent death makes these last words of his a challenge which should be taken up by every Christian whose labor and joy it is to help the church to be more adequate to the needs of today. (4/1. LC:57-6887)

Maycock, Edward A. Association Press
A LETTER OF WISE COUNSEL $1.25

Another *World Christian Book*. It is a series of studies in the *First Epistle of Peter*, which the author, Vice-Principal of Chichester Theological College, England, suggests may have been originally a sermon preached at the baptism of new converts to Christianity. He explains in popular language how it relates today to the problems of the younger churches, to recent converts, and to the difficulties faced by Christians all over the world. This is an excellent Bible study aid, which also examines briefly the questions of origin and date of this practical Epistle. (4/1. LC:57-6881)

REFLECTION BOOKS Association Press
Ea. $.50; $5.00 a dozen

"Reflection Books" is the Association Press' imprint for a series of paperback books written for the average church-goer and the average college student. They are to be sold at 50¢ each, and presumably will be sold largely by churches, religious bookstores, as well as the religious departments of general bookstores. A display case is offered similar to that of other similar paperback books. The topics to be covered are religious education, theology for laymen, religious history, family life, Bible study, Christianity and social issues, vocations, great literature of faith, etc. Six titles are now announced to be published on the first day of Lent, March 6. Their authors are acknowledged leaders in their field, and it would be surprising if a brisk demand for these attractive, colorful little books did not quickly develop.

Reflection Books

Bainton, Roland H. - WHAT CHRISTIANITY SAYS ABOUT SEX, LOVE, AND MARRIAGE

Well-known as the author of the best-selling biography of Martin Luther, *Here I Stand*, Dr. Bainton, with brilliance and surgical precision, dissects the Christian approach to sex. He shows that historically three distinct attitudes toward sex, love and marriage have emerged from the time of Christ and Paul until now:- the sacramental (in which marriage often was thought of as a remedy for sin), the romantic (in which the woman tends to be worshipped), and the companionable (in which community of conviction may even curtail sex). Modern Protestantism, says Dr. Bainton, blends the best aspects of all three. He writes with a great concern for human values at all levels, and has produced a book which should be especially helpful to adolescents, young parents, etc. (LC: 57-5497)

Clark, Hazel Denis - LIFE OF CHRIST IN POETRY

The approach to be found here is not to the mystical Christ, but "the Christ who enters our door". These poems portray the living Christ, and offer his hand to all who will take it. The verses are eminently quotable for sermons, devotions, etc., a most useful book for a wide variety of readers. (LC: 57-5495)

Harkness, Georgia - RELIGIOUS LIVING

This is a revised edition of one of the Hazen Books which has for 20 years enjoyed a wide reading. The words are simple, but the meaning is profound, and the reader finds himself led to new levels of religious experience which in turn result in growth of a religious power. Church schools and conference groups will continue to find this book a great stimulus and inspiration for religious living. (LC: 57-5496)

Nichols, Jas. Hastings - A SHORT PRIMER FOR PROTESTANTS

* An abridgement of Dr. Nichols' well-known and widely used book by this same title. An eminent church historian, the author writes incisively and brilliantly about the positive witness and genius of Protestantism, and reveals the roots of basic and unique Protestant tenets. An indispensable book for study and discussion groups. (LC: 57-5492)

Stuber, Stanley I.-*Ed.* - BASIC CHRISTIAN WRITINGS

* The most helpful and quotable selections from the writings of twelve great thinkers, among them St. Augustine, St. Francis, Erasmus, Luther, Calvin, Roger Williams- and Phillips Brooks. Here the reader may read the profound ideas that have had great effect on American Protestantism, and be grateful that this source material has been made immediately, if briefly, available in such a handy form. Many a sermon writer will be doubly grateful. (LC: 57-5493)

58 Leading U. S. Clergymen - WORDS TO CHANGE LIVES

This is an excellent compendium of what Protestantism is saying today. Here 58 ministers share abridgements of what they believe to be their most influential sermons, and this is an effective rebuttal to the oft-repeated remark that preaching today has sadly declined. Imagination, insight, devotion and challenge are to be found in these pages. (Publ. LC: 57-5494)

Hughes, Philip — Doubleday-Hanover House

A POPULAR HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION — $4.00

This is just what the title describes, a swiftly moving, easily read story of how that great upheaval which so changed the religious complexion of mankind came to pass. The traditional content of the faith is summed up as it was before the great challenge; the world as it came to be on the eve of the Reformation is described in picturesque fashion; the lives of those who are closely identified with the Reformation , Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Henry VIII, etc. are so set forth that their blemishes show as well as their zeal. It all makes the Reformation real and moving in a sense that history always intends to be but so often fails to realize. Mr. Hughes has no axe to grind; he gives a moving account of men and movements that have affected the lives of all so that the reader more clearly sees how it happened. A good book for those who are interested in the religious growth of mankind, but who have neither the time, patience nor equipment to search the sources. (Publ. LC:57-5788)

Landis, Benson Y. — Dutton

WORLD RELIGIONS — $2.95

* Subtitled "A Brief Guide to the Principal Beliefs and Teachings of the Religions of the World and to the Statistics of Organized Religion", this book fully lives up to this description. Without any attempt to pass judgment, Mr. Landis has brought together within the compass of one book much scattered information, and has provided a most useful handbook that will answer the questions about the world's various religions that are constantly being asked. He tries to give a fair interpretation of their various emphases, as well as a summary of their organization, administration and membership, and in this he has been singularly successful. He writes as a layman for laymen, but no theology has been thinned out to the vanishing point. An alphabetical arrangement with cross referencing, and an index makes the book valuable for varied reading and reference. This is not a study in comparative religion but a source book. Every library should have a copy, public or clerical. (4/12. LC:57-5344)

Root, Robert — Friendship Press

PROGRESS AGAINST PREJUDICE — $2.50; Paper-$1.50

The title accurately describes this stimulating and enlightening book:- it reports, by actual stories of what happened, the way in which various people, churches and communities have fought and won local battles against segregation. It speaks to Protestants of the challenge from Roman Catholicism and points with pride to the places even in the South, where integration is no longer an experiment. From this abundance of factual material the author, of Syracuse University, finally asks the ultimate question, "Is the Christian religion really opposed to walls of separation between races?" God's law of love and brotherhood command that we practise the equality among all men with which God endowed them as his sons. There is, Mr. Root says, no other way for Christians to live. Such a book as this should be welcomed by those whose practice of brotherhood will be strengthened by getting down to cases where it is shown to work. It should help others to see that their prejudice stands on shaky ground. (April. LC:57-6158)

Bainton, Roland H. — Harper

YALE AND THE MINISTRY — $5.00

A lively account of how a succession of wise and dedicated men have carried out the charge of Yale's founding fathers to "propagate the blessed reformed Protestant religion in this wilderness". Sparked by Dr. Bainton's attention-demanding style, men of long ago, and others of not so long ago, are made to live in pointed biographical notes, spiced with anecdotes, as well as in samples of their writings and teaching, plus a summary of their lasting contribution to the development and spreading influence of the Yale Divinity School. Graduates of the school will take delight in owning a copy, and libraries will be incomplete without one. The development of the Protestant Church in this country cannot well be understood without the enrichment this book affords to the story of men and movements in southern New England. (4/17. LC:57-7344)

Grant, Frederick C. Harper
THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS $.95

This is the 15th issue in Harper's *Annotated Bible Series*, and the sixth by Dr. Grant, Professor of New Testament at the Union Theological Seminary, New York. There is an introduction to the Epistle which is at the same time a clear and succinct introduction to the New Testament doctrines of the nature and world of Christ and the atonement, and superb critical notes for every chapter and verse which will provide the serious student with the best critical insight which modern scholarship affords. The Epistle to the Hebrews is one of the more difficult books of the New Testament, but Dr. Grant has brought the meaning of it within the grasp of any who will make a real effort to understand it. (Publ. LC: 59-3592)

Grant, Frederick C. Harper
THE GOSPELS: *Their Origin & Their Growth* $3.75

A generation ago Dr. Frederick C. Grant wrote *The Growth of the Gospels*, a survey of their study from 1900-1930. Since then, as in physical science, much progress has been made in the areas of literary and historical study, as well as philosophy and theology. In the latter, much work has been done in literary analysis, stimulated by the German emphasis on Form Criticism, or Form History. This text takes the student back to the creative stage in early church history, when the Gospel traditions were beginning to crystallize in writing, at first in brief collections or sources, and then in the written Gospels of Mark, Luke, Matthew, and John. All of this, and more, Dr. Grant, who is professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary, New York, incorporates into this new and fresh study of the New Testament. There is no better scholarship available in this field; students of Biblical literature, professional and otherwise will be grateful for this new study which makes so readily available the latest and best of modern scholarship. (5/15.)

Howlett, Duncan Harper
THE ESSENES AND CHRISTIANITY $3.50

* Seldom has a discovery like that of the Dead Sea Scrolls awakened so much interest outside academic circles. A few have viewed with alarm the implications for Christianty, though their alarms have been muted somewhat by their journalistic haste in getting into print. Others have written about the fascinating discovery of the writings of this desert sect, antedating and contemporary with, early Christianity, as if it were a true-life detective story, as of course in many ways it is. But others still have found in the now amplified history of the Essenes made possible by the new light shed on their works and ways by the Dead Sea Scrolls, a clearer understanding of Christianity itself, its uniqueness and commanding power revealed still more clearly by a fuller knowledge of what it shared in common with this earlier desert religion. Mr. Howlett, in *The Essenes and Christianity*, makes a strong contribution within this last category. He skilfully blends what is known about the Essenes with what has just been learned, compares it closely with Christianity as its early followers understood and practised it, and concludes that in many ways Christianity is an outgrowth of the Essene sect. "Theologically Christianity was a spiritualization of Essenism, as Essenism had been a spiritualization of Pharisaism. Psychologically it took its rise from the conviction that Jesus of Nazareth was in fact the Messiah. Sociologically and ecclesiastically Christianity adopted many essential forms, the structure and practices of the Essenes. These were important factors which enabled Christianity to survive. But the Dead Sea Scrolls, by throwing light on the origin of our religion, makes us see more clearly that it is grounded in fact, not in fancy, and without the stamp of Jesus' peculiar genius upon it, it might in truth have been but another Essenism, suffering the same fate. This is a most significant and important book to all who would keep abreast of the rapid strides now being made in establishing the fact and the truth of Christianity as it grew in and out of its native soil. (4/17. LC: 56-12067)

Niebuhr, H. Richard;
Williams, Samuel Day;
Gustafson, James M. Harper
THE ADVANCEMENT OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION $4.00

Financed by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, a committee of scholars representing The American Association of Theological Schools undertook the task of surveying and evaluating the aims, methods and results of theological education in the Protestant churches of the U. S. and Canada. This volume presents the result of their study. It considers recent trends in theological education, trends in the economics of theological education, problems of government, faculties, courses of study, students, etc. In fact, it is a very adequate handbook of the collective work of the Protestant seminaries and their relation to the world of today in which this work must be done. Strengths are pointed out, and weaknesses indicated, as well as the directions in which advances and improvements might be made. A valuable book for all who have a professional interest in this subject, but a large popular sale can hardly be expected. (3/20. LC:56-12071)

Shoemaker, Samuel M. Harper
THE EXPERIMENT OF FAITH $1.50

"Sam" Shoemaker, as he is affectionately known by the many he has helped, is one of the most articulate and hardworking evangelists of our day. Now rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, he is especially concerned with unleashing and directing into productive channels the great potential spiritual power to be found in the laymen who have the most opportunity of bearing a Christian witness in their jobs and professions. This is the "Pittsburgh Experiment" of which he speaks often in this book, and which provides him with abundant illustrative material to show the great power for good a single man can be who gives his own life to Christ. He tells how to get started spiritually, how to keep going spiritually, how to win people to Christ, and how to work for Christ through your job. His definition of a Christian decision, "surrendering as much as we can to as much of Christ as we understand, giving over to God the points of our emotions, desires, sins; and the turning over of our wills to Him once and for all" is broad enough to include every man, and all who read the book will be challenged to apply Dr. Shoemaker's insights, born of years of experience, to their own lives with much profit, and make them more ready and eager to share the same with others. The book is written with a colloquial vigor that makes it memorable and practicable. He has written many another book on evangelism and many readers will be glad to add this one to their libraries. Meant primarily for laymen, the clergy will read it gladly too. (4/17)

TORCHLIGHT SERIES Harper

Six more volumes of this popular paperback series are currently published. Their aim is to make more readily available significant religious writing of well-known authors, living and dead, and thus make a much needed contribution to the awakened interest in religion in our day. Much of this material has not been accessible before to any but those whose professional interest has led them to search it out. The books are colorful and attractive in format and price. These titles were published on February 6:

ECLIPSE OF GOD	Martin Buber	$1.15
THE CORE OF THE BIBLE	Austin Farrar-*Ed.*	.95
THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTIANITY	Ludwig Feuerbach	1.45
INTERPRETATIONS OF POETRY AND RELIGION	George Santayana	1.45
MEISTER ECKHART	Raymond Blakney (Trans)	1.45
WORSHIP	Evelyn Underhill	1.75

Hall, Richard &
Beitler, Eugene P. Lippincott
HOW TO READ THE BIBLE $2.95

* The authors make no apology for another book on how to read the Bible, of which there are already a great number. Having great competence as scholars, they are concerned

chiefly in commending to others the Book that has meant so much to them and to so many readers. So they tell a very moving and persuasive story of what the Bible can mean to every man, how it came into being, and how poor everyone is who does not realize the great riches to be found there and make the effort to appropriate them for himself. "The Bible is the glowing record of the gradual growth and increasing elevation of men's perception of God. It is the only book of its kind in the world." They believe that the contagion of Bible-reading will capture any man who will read it, knowing what to look for and how to go about it. All of the insights of modern scholarship are called upon in writing this invitation to read the Bible, but rather than intrude into the narrative in pedantic fashion they certify to the living presence of God which is to be found there. Those who read this book will find it hard to resist turning to the Book with fresh interest and understanding. Drs. Hall and Beitler conclude that if their book encourages the reader to spend only a few additional hours with the Bible, it will have done its work. They are far too modest in their expectations. Young and old can hardly escape a feeling of gratitude for such an introduction to the Bible as this. (5/15. LC: 57-8944)

Maston, T. B. Macmillan
CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD ISSUES $5.00

Written as a textbook for use in theological seminaries and church-related colleges, this volume is an attempt to provide an introduction to the field of Christian social ethics and applied Christianity. An acquaintance with the social and ethical teachings of the Bible and basic Christian principles is assumed. Dr. Maston begins with a consideration of the general relation of the church to the world, and then moves on to a chapter on Christianity and the individual. The next chapter considers the family, the basic social unit, and then is succeeded by chapters on such world issues as race relations, economic life, communism, war, and the relation of Church and State. There is a chapter on the world crisis, and a concluding chapter on Christianity and the transformation of the world. Teaching aids and reference lists are provided at the end of the book, as well as ample footnotes in the body of the text. While this book is mostly useful for classroom teaching purposes, Protestant ministers may well find much help here of a coordinating and focusing nature. (Publ.)

Heuss, John Morehouse-Gorham
A BOOK OF PRAYERS $2.00

D.R. Dr. Heuss, the Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, New York, has compiled a useful volume of prayers old and new. Many of them will be found in other printed collections, but others are less familiar. They are chosen from many centuries and from many sources, and reflect the whole range of man's needs within the framework of man's eternal need for God. Many people are eager to possess such a collection to enrich their own devotional life, especially during Lent. Such a book as this will prove to be most acceptable. (Publ. LC: 57-5622)

Ileana, Princess of Romania Morehouse-Gorham
MY INNER FAITH $.40

Princess Ileana has written simply and movingly of Eastern Orthodoxy, her own faith. "Not only by tradition am I Orthodox," she says, "but from a deep conviction that Orthodoxy holds more than any other, the truth, the spirit and the love of Christianity." From within the bounds of her Church she has evolved her own conception of God with whom she holds constant communion in prayer, meditation, and the sacraments, God who speaks to her especially in the loneliness of pain, saying "stand aside awhile and think things out". But He leads her too to share the pain of others, else her own suffering profits her nothing. God always speaks to her in the still, small voice within, and she emerges from every struggle into more light, understanding and joy, so that her heart overflows with gratitude and she wants to shout aloud, "Lord, how beautiful is Thy creation and how blessed are those who put their trust in Thee". This little book would be an excellent gift to those whose doubts are insistent and who find pain and sorrow almost meaningless. (Publ. LC: 57-7293)

Pardue, Austin — Morehouse-Gorham

THE SINGLE EYE — $2.50

D.R. Many readers have come to look to Austin Pardue, Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh, for practical, forthright and vigorous direction in many things "belonging to the spirit". In this his latest book they will not be disappointed. Here he gives his readers in brief, challenging chapters an analysis of the fears that haunt them and the prescriptions for their cure that a living faith provides. In the second part of the book he outlines the nature of prayer, and its results when resolutely practised, accompanied by specific suggestions on how to pray, what to pray for, and how to make a dynamic communion. Though he gives much attention to practical detail, Bishop Pardue never loses sight of the Eternal God who is the inspirer of man's faith and the final goal of his quest. An excellent book for Lenten reading for Protestant laymen. (Publ. LC:57-6429)

Ferris, Theodore Parker — Oxford

WHEN I BECAME A MAN — $3.75

In all his books (*The Story of Jesus, This Created World, This is the Day,* etc.) Dr. Ferris, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Boston, shows himself to be pastmaster in his unique ability to translate the truths of the Christian faith, not only in terms that laymen can understand, but also in such immediate fashion that the relation to their lives is urgently plain. The chapters which comprise his latest expression of this difficult art originated as sermons and addresses in different times and places, but they do not suffer the embarrassment of so many sermons reduced to print, that of raising the question of whether they should have been spoken in the first place. Dr. Ferris' literary grace and convincing phrases are a joy to hear, but do bring great satisfaction to the reader, of whom there will doubtless be many. (Publ. LC:57-6479)

Kershner, Howard E. — Prentice-Hall

GOD, GOLD & GOVERNMENT — Hard-$2.95; Soft-$1.25

A series of essays on a variety of subjects that can be collected under the book's title. They present a far-to-the-right interpretation of religion, economics, and government, presenting Mr. Kershner's conviction that the proof of piety is success, and that the Ten Commandments are God's charter for free enterprise. "Keep close to God, and all these things will be added unto you" is a recurring theme. There is much hard criticism of the present government policy of currency de-valuation, which "will lead to complete disaster if unchecked in twenty years," and a great deal of righteous indignation against any governmental regulation as being contrary to God's will for his people. It is doubtful if many would be interested in a book of this character except those who practise what it preaches, and they would probably feel that they don't need it. (Publ.LC:57-6176)

Parker, Wm. R. &
St. Johns, Elaine — Prentice-Hall

PRAYER CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE — $3.50

* This is not just another book of inspiration or even good advice. It does inspire, and the counsel it offers is excellent, but that is almost incidental to an honest reporting of an experiment in prayer carried on for nine months at Redland University to find out, on as scientific basis as possible, whether prayer really does work. Forty-five people with various problems and disturbances, were divided into three groups, fifteen to be treated by psychiatric counseling alone, a second group to seek help by random but regular praying, each using the common methods of prayer already known to the person, the third group were to practise prayer therapy, i.e. their prayer was to be directed toward specific goals as indicated by interpretation of a battery of psychological tests. All members of all groups were pre-tested, and again at the expiration of the nine months' period. In Group I (psychotherapy) there was 65% improvement. In Group II (random prayers) no improvement. In Group III (prayer therapy) 72% improvement. From these results it is concluded that prayer therapy was not only a most effective healing agent but that prayer, properly understood, might be the single most important tool in the reconstruction of man's personality. The authors tell us much of the case histories of those who shared in this experiment as is relevant, and deal extensively with the understanding and treatment of

"The Four Demons" which in some degree affect us all, fear, guilt, inferiority feelings, and misguided love (hate). This book cannot be commended too highly to all who are interested in the power of prayer, especially those who may now begin to feel that it has no power at all. It may well restore lost hope for a better life with its reclamation for our day of the lost art of prayer therapy. (Publ.)

Pittenger, W. Norman — Prentice-Hall
THE EPISCOPALIAN WAY OF LIFE — $3.50

This is one of a series of books whose intention it is to describe the way of life characteristic of American Christian bodies. The choice of Professor Pittenger, of the faculty of the Episcopal General Theological Seminary, New York, is a happy one for he has a facile and entertaining way of writing about theological subjects in words and symbols that the average layman can understand. He has written many other books in the field of Christian apologetics which have commanded a wide reading, among them *The Historic Faith and the Changing World, The Christian View of Sexual Behavior, Rethinking the Christian Message.* He writes now to show from the inside what it feels like to be an Episcopalian now, in the present scene and in the present situation. Historical detail, administrative method, and origins of worship are not here his concern. He has succeeded in producing an admirable book for all who are curious as to what makes an Episcopalian "tick" the way he does, both inside and outside the Episcopal Communion. Anglicanism (Episcopalianism) he makes clear, is conservative and liberal, Catholic, modernist and Evangelical. There should be many who would like to know how any man or any church can be all of these at the same time. Dr. Pittenger makes a persuasive case for this "special genius of Anglicanism". (Publ. LC: 57-5230)

Shrader, Wesley — Rinehart
OF MEN AND ANGELS — $2.95

* "This book," says the author, "is an honest attempt to describe how one minister responded to a variety of appeals for personal assistance". But it is not just another book of clerical reminiscence. It is rather the private revelation of a man in love with all sorts and conditions of men and women, no matter how reprehensible they may seem to be by the usual standards of man's judgment, and in the light of that revelation the reader is privileged to see how love and acceptance can often work wonders and not infrequently change lives completely. Here, with Wesley Shrader, we meet prostitutes, potential murderers, defeated people of all kinds, and we see them walk out of his study with their heads higher and self-respect restored. He introduces us to some whom he has failed to help, and we share his deeply felt disappointment. We watch him at work applying the first principles of good counseling and we wish that all the people we know who are in deep trouble might have someone like him to whom they could turn for help. The book is a delight to read;all ministers must read it, and many others should if they wish to have their faith restored in the power of one human being, with God's help, to aid another. Mr. Schrader, now on the staff of the Yale Divinity School, has recently written two widely quoted articles in LIFE Magazine, "Why Ministers Crack Up" and "The Most Wasted Hour of the Week". Readers of these articles will be eager to read more from his pen. (4/29. LC: 57-6574)

Miller, Randolph Crump — Seabury Press
BE NOT ANXIOUS — $3.25

In this "age of anxiety," it is not at all surprising to find another book telling us how to overcome it. Dr. Miller's book will be found to be among the most understandable and useful. He writes in a quiet and personal way, using illustrations liberally and so aptly as to make the reader feel it is he Dr. Miller is speaking about, and to whom he addresses his suggestions of how to deal with sickness, economic difficulties, children, death, or any of the other common anxieties that overtake us unawares and unprepared. The Christian answer to the dilemma is real faith in the promises of God, says the author. Once you accept the fact that God accepts you as you are you are on the road to maturity and a meaningful, positive creative life.

But the chief end of life is the peace of God, found by those whose faith in Christ casts out all fear. Randolph Miller is professor of Christian Education at the Yale Divinity School. In addition to his teaching he has also served a parish as its rector. His varied experience is reflected in this book which is chiefly intended as a layman's guide to an understanding of the nature of his anxiety and the ways in which psychology and theology can help him. (Publ. LC:57-5736)

Life Magazine Editors
with Introduction *by*
Dr. Paul Hutchinson — Simon & Schuster, De Luxe-$15.50, Regular-$13.50

THE WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIONS

The series on the world's great religions appeared in six parts in *Life* in 1955. Now- with some 160 pages of additional text and 190 pages in full color, the book is published for a permanent record - for the general public- seeking to show these religions as their followers know and practise them. Following each of the main sections is an anthology of the extracts from the holy writings, the myths, legends and traditional teachings that make the particular religion intelligible to the reader. In Dr. Hutchinson's able Introduction, the purpose and method pursued is analyzed; the current trends highspotted. He sees in Hinduism a new vitality closely linked to the young nation of India. He recognizes stirrings within Buddhism, that has until recently rested more on tradition. He feels that the hopes of unity among Moslems, Christians, Buddhist and Hindus is an illusion, in its failure to recognize the basic nature of the differences, insurmountable to the faithful of each. The influences on the religions of both East and West of political and cultural changes are noted; there is cursory handling of the fact that little is known of what is actually happening to religion in China; and there is mention at least of other living religions, those of the Jains, the Sikhs, the Parsees in India; of Shintoism in Japan; of atheism, agnosticism, humanism and communism as kinds of faiths. The main text and pictures that follow concern themselves with Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucionism, Islam and Christianity. The market- many who would shy away from scholarly studies will find that their knowledge, their understanding, their tolerance will be strengthened through this beautiful book. (Publ.)

Gilmour, S. MacLean — Westminster, $3.75

THE GOSPEL JESUS PREACHED

The material in this book says the author, was first used for lectures delivered over a number of Canadian radio stations as an attempt to make a contribution to Christian education in Canada at the adult level. With more material added, Dr. Gilmour now seeks a larger audience. "We are better equipped today," he writes, "than at any time since the first century, to undertake a study of the Gospel of Jesus." This book attempts to make available for the adult reader, not a particular system of theology as so many books do, but as true an account of the Gospel preached and taught by Jesus as reverent scholarship has enabled us to recover it. He includes a careful consideration of the bearing of teaching in the recently discovered "Dead Sea" scrolls on an understanding of the Gospel Jesus preached. He has carefully documented the material from primary sources to facilitate its use by ministers and college and seminary students. There are many who will find this volume most useful. (4/22. LC:57-5075)

Oates, Wayne — Westminster, $2.00

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

* Here is a handbook which is worth its weight in gold for anyone who needs help of almost any sort, and who, seeking alone, might well go up one blind alley after another. Dr. Oates, Professor of Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has brought together in the compass of one volume a precise and sympathetic description of the kinds of problems people face, emotional, mental, legal, sexual, aging, adoption, etc. and points to the resources that are available in the community or elsewhere; he lists the local and national agencies that are dedicated to helping people in one or more of these categories, the best books and pamphlets that are available,- all this plus a tender wisdom that should go far to reassure the troubled through a better understanding and acceptance

of their problem, and the nature of the help they may expect and find. There are also suggested some safeguards against quacks, pulp literature, and well-meaning but unskilled persons. This book should be widely recommended to all who need help, as well as to those who seek to serve them, pastors and professionals of all kinds. It is all set in a Christian framework which in itself should do much to dispel the fear and suspicion which beset so many who find themselves in deep waters. (5/27. LC:57-5623)

Soper, David Wesley — Westminster
YOU HAVE MET CHRIST — $2.50

D.R. This little book, says Mr. Soper, seeks to dispel the illusion of an ancient, dead Christ, to enable modern men and women to feel the impact of Christ's contemporary presence, the direct and immediate demand of reality, not in lofty abstraction but in daily practical existence. Life involves many dimensions; these are here considered. 1) *The Self.* You have met Christ when you have met a mature individual fully aware that all present maturity is really premature. 2) *The Self and the State.* You have met Christ when you have met a responsible citizen fully aware that governments are not ends but means. 3) *The Self and the Church.* You have met Christ when an active churchman has known that man does not exist for religion, but religion for the growth in man of the image of God. Dr. Soper teaches at Beloit College, and we doubtless have here some of the wisdom he has shared with his students. It is rich with human interest illustrations, drawn from history, literature and present-day living. It is a good book for those who wish a firmer grip on their faith in God and a renewal of their respect for man. (5/27.LC:57-6034)

Southard, Samuel — Westminster
THE FAMILY AND MENTAL ILLNESS — $1.50
(Pastoral Aid Series)

There is a great need for a book like this, one which can wisely be put into the hands of those who must come to terms with mental illness, especially as it afflicts members of their own families. It is a book which will give assurance also to those who are ill themselves. The author, Samuel Southard, has received both theological and clinical training, and he uses skillfully both of these disciplines in describing mental illness and indicating what resources are available to help those who need help. He tells of the kinds of therapy that are used, what the healing process is, and the kinds of results that may be expected. Much attention is given to the general family situation, during the illness and in after treatment. The role of the psychiatrist, counselor and the nature of institutional care receive careful consideration, and it is all set in the framework of Christian insight and understanding. An excellent book to be commended without reservation, especially to those who still view emotional disturbance as being different from and therefore more shameful than physical illness. (Publ. 4/22. LC:57-5572)

Von Grueningen, John Paul — Westminster
TOWARD A CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY OF HIGHER EDUCATION — $3.50

This volume is a collection of essays read at a conference of Protestant scholars at Jamestown College, North Dakota, in June, 1955. The purpose of the conference was to outline a Christian philosophy of education, proceeding from a conviction that Christianity has a science of knowledge relevant to the present and valid for the seeker of truth today. Part I of this volume has to do with theory: How resolve the problem of faith and reason? Part II deals with the phenomenon of personality, with special attention to Christ as the measure of personality. Part III has to do with the specific claims of philosophy underlying curriculum, materials, methods and administration, and Part IV closes the volume with an appraisal of the goals of Christian education and the marks of a Christian college. All who are interested in Christian education, desirous of revaluating the meaning of Christian philosophy in the light of modern scholarship will find help and inspiration here. The writers represent a wide range of Christian colleges. (4/22. LC:57-5133)

Wright, Ernest Westminster

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY $15.00

* "The purpose of this volume," says Professor Wright of the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, "is to summarize the archaeological discoveries which directly illumine Biblical history, in order that the Bible setting in the ancient world and its relation to its environment may be more readily comprehended." This he does with a comprehension that fascinates the reader, and a wealth of over 220 illustrations, detailed drawings, photographs, reconstructions and maps that illuminate the text and are conveniently located next to, or surrounded by, the related text. The reader therefore almost feels that he is there. The fourteen chapters cover the whole sweep of Biblical history, tracing the fortunes and misfortunes of those who lived and conquered or were conquered in those early days, up to a description of the Palestinian community in the last few centuries before Christ. He writes of the significance of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and says that the whole outlook of Biblical backgrounds is undergoing change because of the phenomenal discovery, especially because of the new insight they have given toward dating and understanding other Biblical writings. The author deals also with archaeology in relation to the New Testament, examines the evidences for early Christian churches in the East, discusses Paul's missionary journey, and concludes his study with a look at the future of Christianity at that time as the "doctrine of salvation in a dying culture." Every serious student of the Bible should know of this exceptional book. Its strengthening of the certainties of the Christian faith by showing the relevance of modern archaeological research is an achievement worth much more than the cost of the book. It is all in black and white, but the format and printing are excellent. Recommend this to those who found *The Bible as History* by Werner Keller interesting. (4/15. LC:57-5020)

Goodspeed, Edgar Winston

THE TWELVE: *The Story of Christ's Apostles* $3.50

* Dr. Goodspeed, long and well-known for his scholarly yet popular writing on the New Testament, has put his many readers still further in his debt by his new book about the twelve apostles. Here he brings together all that is known about them, collectively and individually, what New Testament writings are most probably theirs, why other writings are attributed to them, and what they taught, and then he includes a study of such extra-canonical and apocryphal books as were written about them in the early days of the Church, choosing skillfully and imaginatively from this material. The author draws a fascinating picture of the dynamic group of Jesus' followers who so quickly spread the Gospel, though with the help of many now unknown, throughout the civilized world of their day. He concludes by saying that at whatever date any separate clause may have been added to what came to be called the "Apostles Creed" what was steadily arrived at was a statement of doctrine that should, for its generation be faithful to and in accord with the Gospel as it was preached by the apostles. And there it still remains. No serious Bible student will wish to miss this book, and no church school library will be complete without it. (Publ. LC:57-5197)

Cross Reference to Non-Fiction sections

Three titles, all with perhaps a wider market in the field of general non fiction than in strictly religious book sections were reviewed in Non Fiction.

Peale, Norman Vincent- STAY ALIVE ALL YOUR LIFE (Prentice-Hall)- March 18- See P. 162.

Hession, Brian- DETERMINED TO LIVE (Doubleday)- May 23- See P. 252.

Bishop, Jim- THE DAY CHRIST DIED (Harper)- May 15- See P. 195.